AGENDA
CHILD WELFARE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT PANEL
UTAH LEGISLATURE

Thursday, August 19, 2004 • 2:00 p.m. • Room W025 House Building

Approximate
Time Frame

2:00   **1.**   **Committee Business**
- Call to order
- Approval of the minutes of the June 17, 2004 meeting

2:05   **2.**   **Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense**

The Panel will review implementation of the new Office of Child Welfare Parental Defense, created by H.B. 268 during the 2004 General Session.

63A-11-105. Office -- Duties, functions, and responsibilities.
The duties, functions, and responsibilities of the office [of Child Welfare Parental Defense] include the following:
- (1)   to develop and enter into contracts with attorneys authorized to practice law in the state, as independent contractors, to serve as parental defense attorneys;
- (2)   to provide assistance and advice to contracted parental defense attorneys;
- (3)   to develop and provide educational and training programs for contracted parental defense attorneys; and
- (4)   to provide information and advice to assist contracted parental defense attorneys to comply with their professional, contractual, and ethical duties.

2:45   **3.**   **Accommodation of Moral and Religious Beliefs and Culture**

The Panel will review the implementation of Utah Code §62A-4a-120 (effective July 1, 2004), enacted by 2004 H.B. 268.

62A-4a-120. Accommodation of moral and religious beliefs and culture.
- (1)   The division shall adopt rules in accordance with Title 63, Chapter 46a, Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act, and establish procedures to accommodate the moral and religious beliefs, and culture, of the children and families it serves, including:
  - (a)   the immediate family and other relatives of a child in any type of custody or otherwise under the jurisdiction of the court;
  - (b)   foster and other out-of-home placement families; and
  - (c)   adoptive families.
- (2)   The accommodation under Subsection (1) applies to placements, treatment plans, services, and other activities of the division.

3:10   **4.**   **Other Business**

3:15   5.   Adjourn